

13 March 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45, ICLS and LTS Use Certification

Dear Ms. Dortch:

For the past several months, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company ("South Slope") has received Interstate Access Support for both its landline and wireless offerings as a competitive ETC in Study Areas 351167 and 351178. (South Slope's competitive ETC Study Area Code is 359008.)

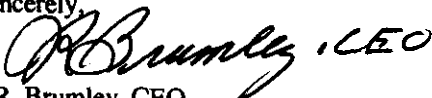
USAC has also recently determined South Slope's wireless ETC offering in Study Area 351298 to be eligible for portable Interstate Common Line Support, Long Term Support, and Local Switching Support.

Therefore, this letter is to certify that South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended. (Certification regarding proper use of Local Switching support, and support from any other intrastate mechanisms, is currently tiled with the Iowa Utilities Board. This will be provided to you upon approval, prior to the April 1, 2003 deadline.)

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company. This certification applies to support provided in ILEC Study Area 351298, in Iowa.

Copies of appropriate line counts, filed with USAC as instructed, are attached. If you have any questions about this information, please call me at 319-227-7111 or Joe Schuele of Martin Group, Inc. at 605-995-6816. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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